

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the title as follows:

**--IMAGING DEVICE, IMAGING DEVICE IMAGE OUTPUT  
METHOD, AND COMPUTER FOR ASSIGNING A DYNAMIC RANGE—**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--An image pickup apparatus capable of performing dynamic assignment of an output image in a dynamic range according to a subject. The image pickup apparatus includes an image pickup device (131) for picking up an image of a subject, a signal processing section (133) for generating a composite image having a relatively wider dynamic range than at least either of the dynamic ranges of a long-time exposure image picked up with a relatively long exposure time by the image pickup device and a short-time exposure image picked up with a relatively short exposure time by the image pickup device, by synthesizing the long-time exposure image and the short-time exposure image, and a control section (137) for compressing the composite image and dynamically varies the assignment proportion of a high luminance dynamic range to a low-middle luminance dynamic range in a dynamic range of an output image to be outputted as a video signal.--